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~~In re PATENT APPLICATION of~~

Francis Anthony Darmann et al.

Group Art Unit: 2827

Serial No.: 09/661,253

Examiner: I. Patel

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~~For: SUPERCONDUCTING TAPES~~

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/AMENDMENT

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231Date: April 29, 2002
(Monday)

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2002, the following election, amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Applicants elect the Group I invention including claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-18 for initial examination, without traverse.

Please cancel claims 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

The following replacement claims are respectfully submitted:

8. (Amended) A composite superconducting tape as claimed in claim 1, in which the superconducting tape is diffusion-bonded and all its elongate components extend

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longitudinally.

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9. (Amended) A composite superconducting tape as claimed in claim 1, in which the constituent tapes are all powder-in-tube superconducting tapes.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-18 are pending in the present application. Replacement claims 8 and 9 are presented herewith. Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled as being directed to a non-elected invention.

As noted above, Applicants have elected the Group I invention including claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-18 for initial examination. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a divisional application including non-elected claims 19 and 20.

Applicants respectfully note that claims 8 and 9 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 1. It is also noted that the corresponding fee for multiple dependent claims inadvertently was not paid in connection with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 21, 2000. However, claims 8 and 9 have been amended as noted above, so that no multiple dependent claims will be examined on the merits. Thus, any corresponding fees for multiple dependent claims should now be unnecessary. If any further claim fees are required in this regard, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment to the deposit account noted below.

Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

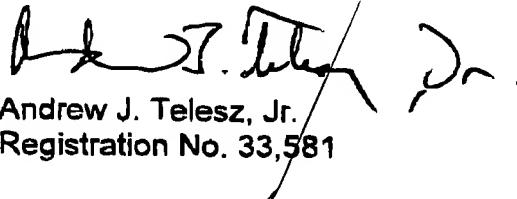
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In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Version with marked up changes

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VERSION WITH MARKED-UP CHANGES**Additions/Deletions to the Claims:**

8. (Amended) A composite superconducting tape as claimed in [any one of claims 1-7] claim 1, in which the superconducting tape is diffusion-bonded and all its elongate components extend longitudinally.

9. (Amended) A composite superconducting tape as claimed in [any one of claims 1-8] claim 1, in which the constituent tapes are all powder-in-tube superconducting tapes.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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